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RE: Atsushi SHIMODA et al., US Appl'n No. 09/783,604
Att'y Docket No. 501.39619X00
Examiner V.M. Kibler, AU 2623, USPTO Conf. No.9403

SUBMISSION OF RCE/PETITION/EXTENSION/PTO-2038

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	Filing Date	15 February 2001
	First Named Inventor	Atsushi SHIMODA et al.
	Art Unit	2623
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